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Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 8-13 as follows. A clean copy of claims 1, 3 and 8-13 is provided below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims 1, 3 and 8-13 is attached hereto in the separate sheet, entitled "Marked-Up Copy of Claims."

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1. (Twice Amended) A gas opening/closing pin which opens and closes a gas inlet and outlet formed in a pipe holder which seals one end portion of a cylinder and moves the position of a piston in the cylinder, wherein at least one indented portion which is adapted to open the gas inlet and outlet is formed on a side of the outer peripheral surface of the central portion of the gas opening/closing pin and an integrally formed stepped diameter reducing portion is formed at an upper end of the opening/closing pin.